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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Report on High-Level Coverage of Cuba

25X1A 1. COMOR reports that in accordance with paragraph 1c of USIB-D-41. 14/53 a review has been made of the coverage of Cuba for the 3 weeks ending 17 July. The reporting periods, based on the [REDACTED] reports of the COMOR Working Group, are 27 June to 3 July, 4 July to 10 July, and 11 July to 17 July.*

During each of the first 2 periods, [REDACTED] missions were flown; during the third, 6 were flown.

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Area coverage in photography with 25% or less cloud cover amounted to 69% in the first period, 87% in the second, and 48% in the third. The decline in coverage was due primarily to adverse weather.

"Island coverage as feasible" declined. Of about 185 targets, 6 were not covered in the first period, 12 were not covered in the second, and 19 were not covered in the third.

"Coverage of highest priority targets" also declined. In each of the first 2 periods, useable photography was obtained of all but one of these targets; in the third period, 7 were not covered.

2. Weather conditions remained generally poor during 17 - 20 July, and coverage suffered correspondingly. On the 20th, however, the weather began to improve and missions were flown
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on the 20th and on the 21st. Coverage on the 21st was the best since early July, and area coverage rose from an estimate of 34% as of 20 July to 58% as of 21 July. The number of highest priority targets not covered adequately during a 7-day period dropped from 10 as of 20 July to 5 as of the 21st.

3. The COMOR concludes that the revised USIB guidance (para 17 of USIB-D-41.14/53) has not resulted in any deterioration in coverage, and that the short period of poor results was due primarily to weather.



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